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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING NONRECIPROCAL CIRCUIT DEVICE,
NONRECIPROCAL CIRCUIT DEVICE, AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS
INCORPORATING THE SAME

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS

☒ If checked, amendments to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph at page 2, line 4 to page 2, line 5; paragraph at page 2, line 6 to page 2, line 7; paragraph at page 2, line 8 to page 2, line 10; paragraph at page 5, line 21 to page 6, line 3; paragraph at page 6, line 7 to page 6, line 9; Paragraph at page 8, line 12 to page 8, line 16 and replace such paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Revisions are being made to clarify the specification. No new matter is included.

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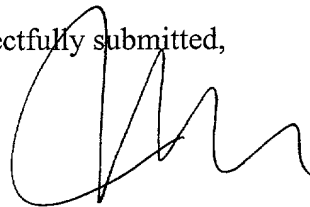
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APPENDIX A
“CLEAN” VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph at page 2, line 4 to page 2, line 5:

On the other hand, the method shown in Fig. 13 includes a step of heating a nonreciprocal circuit device in the assembling process to slightly demagnetize (anneal) the magnet.

Paragraph at page 2, line 6 to page 2, line 7:

Fig. 13 is a flowchart showing the process of manufacturing the nonreciprocal circuit device including the heating step.

Paragraph at page 2, line 8 to page 2, line 10:

In this process, as shown in Fig. 13, the nonreciprocal circuit device is heated after being assembled to perform partial thermal demagnetization of the magnet. This arrangement can prevent the deterioration of characteristics due to thermal demagnetization after the device is manufactured and sold.

Paragraph at page 5, line 21 to page 6, line 3:

As shown in Fig. 1, the assembly of all components forming the nonreciprocal circuit device, which include a metal case, is completed in an assembly process, and then the electrical and mechanical junctions of the components are soldered to finish the entire structure. After that, the magnetic force of a magnet is adjusted, and then, a thermosetting resin is applied on an outer surface of the metal case. Next, heat is applied to thermally demagnetize (anneal) the magnet and harden the resin at the same time.

Paragraph at page 6, line 7 to page 6, line 9:

In addition, the resin may be applied before adjusting the magnetic force. However, immediately after the application, the resin needs to be temporarily hardened. Otherwise, the resin will flow out and adhere unnecessarily to other parts and to manufacturing machinery.

APPENDIX B
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

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